

B1 Nos. 08/030,231, 08/030,402, 08/030,341 and 08/030,166, respectively, --;

line 15, after "operations" insert -- according to the  
prior art --.

Page 4, line 31, change "thSTM" to -- the STM --.

Page 5, line 2, after "to" insert -- provide --.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Amended FIGs. 1 and 2 are attached for the Examiner's approval.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

B2 1. (amended) An STM telecommunications switch, comprising:  
a plurality of parallel data switching planes and a parallel  
control plane, each data switching plane having an equal number of  
input ports and output ports; and a central switching unit to  
switch each input port to any output port and [wherein the] to  
switch data [is switched] in octets.

2. (amended) A [switched] switch as claimed in Claim 1,  
wherein the central switching unit has timeslots, and further  
comprising rotator means to connect each input port cyclically to  
each timeslot of the central switching unit.